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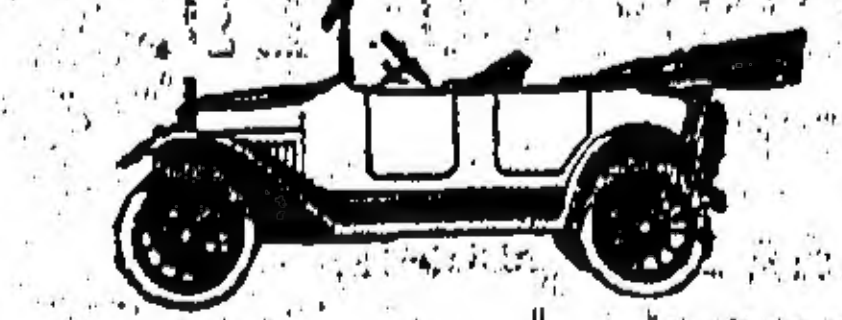
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THE GREAT BATTLE.
BRITISH TROOPS REACH CASPIAN SEA.
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THE GENERAL MILITARY SITUATION.
A REVIEW.
LONDON, Aug. 16.
The general military situation remains singularly interesting. The village of Lassygny is still in the hands of the enemy, but the French now possess the high ground on the ridge to the south. They hold the whole of the massif and are at present working down the far side. Thirty-four thousand prisoners have been taken by the British Fourth and the French First and Third Armies, and between 600 and 700 guns of which 450 were captured by the British.

The German losses since August 8th have been greater in proportion to the Allies' losses than in any previous battle. Their dead especially exceed enormously our dead; indeed the total Allies' casualties are probably less than the prisoners we took.
There is every indication that the enemy intends to fight approximately on the line now reached except southwards where the French are in possession of the Lassygny massif. This possession will compel him to retire probably behind the Divette river, a small tributary of the Oise. It will be advantageous for the Allies if the enemy remains in his present lines where he is most uncomfortable and suffering heavy losses.

The German retirement up the Lys sector has been on a front of nine miles to a maximum depth of two miles. Apparently the intention is to evacuate the whole of this sector in their own time. They have also started to withdraw from the Serre salient north of Albert, possibly to behind the Aisne, to a depth of three miles. These withdrawals strengthen the impression that the enemy has abandoned the idea of an offensive in the North.
Between the Oise and the Aisne the Germans have thrown in 35 Divisions, including fifteen from the Reserve, of which eleven belong to Trinius Rupprecht's armies. Prince Rupprecht now holds the front only from the sea to Albert. General von Boehm commands the group of armies between Albert and Soissons. He is intimately acquainted with this part of the old Somme battle area.

THE POSITION IN RUSSIA.
Regarding the position in Russia there are increasing indications of an impending German attack on the Munnan railway. A Bolshevik force is reported to be advancing, 2,000 strong, from Lake Onega, while the Germans are preparing an advance upon all railroads. In Finland they are also preparing an attack on Petchenga which would give them a good submarine base. The Bolsheviks are retreating before us in the Archangel district. They are committing every atrocity upon the inhabitants, endeavouring to burn bridges and holding up our advance. However, we pushed on to the north of Obdorskaya, which is a hundred miles south of Archangel. We landed a detachment in Onega Bay and are endeavouring to intercept the Bolshevik retirement from Archangel. There is little doubt that they have not German officers.

We also despatched another detachment to work up the Divina towards Kotlas, which is 250 miles south-east of Archangel. The situation in the remainder of Russia is very obscure. It is not even known for certain whether Lenin and Trotsky fled. No definite news has recently been received about the

Czecho-Slovaks but there is a disquieting report that the Bolsheviks are transferring troops to the Volga front and have initiated a severe check on the Czecho-Slovaks. It is impossible to confirm this. There is every possibility that General Alexieff and the Cosack General Plenskin will be able to join hands with the Czecho-Slovaks. General Alexieff has a considerable force of Don and other Cosacks, all of which are reliable.
BRITISH TROOPS REACH THE CASPIAN SEA.
Important developments, which obviously cannot be discussed, are occurring in Persia and the Caspian Sea. It is permissible to say that British troops from Bagdad have advanced to the southern shore of the Caspian, meeting no opposition except from certain tribesmen. A detachment of these troops has been conveyed by steamer to Baku and is now assisting the Armenians in defending Baku against the Turks. The Allied force at Baku, comprising Armenians, Russians and others are under the Russian General Dukachiev who is opposing the Turks. Neither side possesses artillery worth speaking of.
In connection with the stirring announcement of the arrival of a British force at Baku, it appears that the advance to the Caspian Sea from Bagdad was begun in February. There is already a considerable British force in north-west Persia.
The advance was not opposed except by the jungali tribesmen who are leagued with the Turks and the Bolsheviks. These were easily overcome and the Caspian was reached through mountainous country. With bad roads and scarce supplies the troops had to face great hardships.

AMERICA TO PROVIDE 80 DIVISIONS
3,000,000 IN FRANCE NEXT JUNE.
WASHINGTON, Aug. 16.
Reporting on the Senate War Power Bill, extending the draft ages to 18 to 45, Mr. Chamberlain, Chairman of the Military Committee, quoted General March, Chief of Staff, as saying it was the duty of the United States to send to France enough men to win the war on the Western Front.
The report of the Committee revealed that the war programme provides for 80 Divisions, over 3,000,000 men being in France by next June, with 18 Divisions more in training.
PRESIDENT WILSON'S POLICY.
CONCENTRATION ON THE WESTERN FRONT.
AN AMERICAN ARMY OF 4,000,000.
WASHINGTON, Aug. 16.
Mr. Baker has told the Senate Military Committee that President Wilson's policy calls for the concentration of the American forces on the Western Front, including Italy. The theory of the fighting in future is that "we must force an issue and win on the Western Front."
Mr. Chamberlain, the Chairman of the Senate Committee, referring to President Wilson's policy, said: "We decline to be diverted from the policy that the military programme must be centered in France."
General March said: "We can win the war, but how long it will take will depend exactly on what we do. If we put a small force over there we shall be playing Germany's game. I believe, with an American Army of 4,000,000 in France, under one Commander in Chief, we can go through the German line wherever we please."
(Continued on Page 6.)

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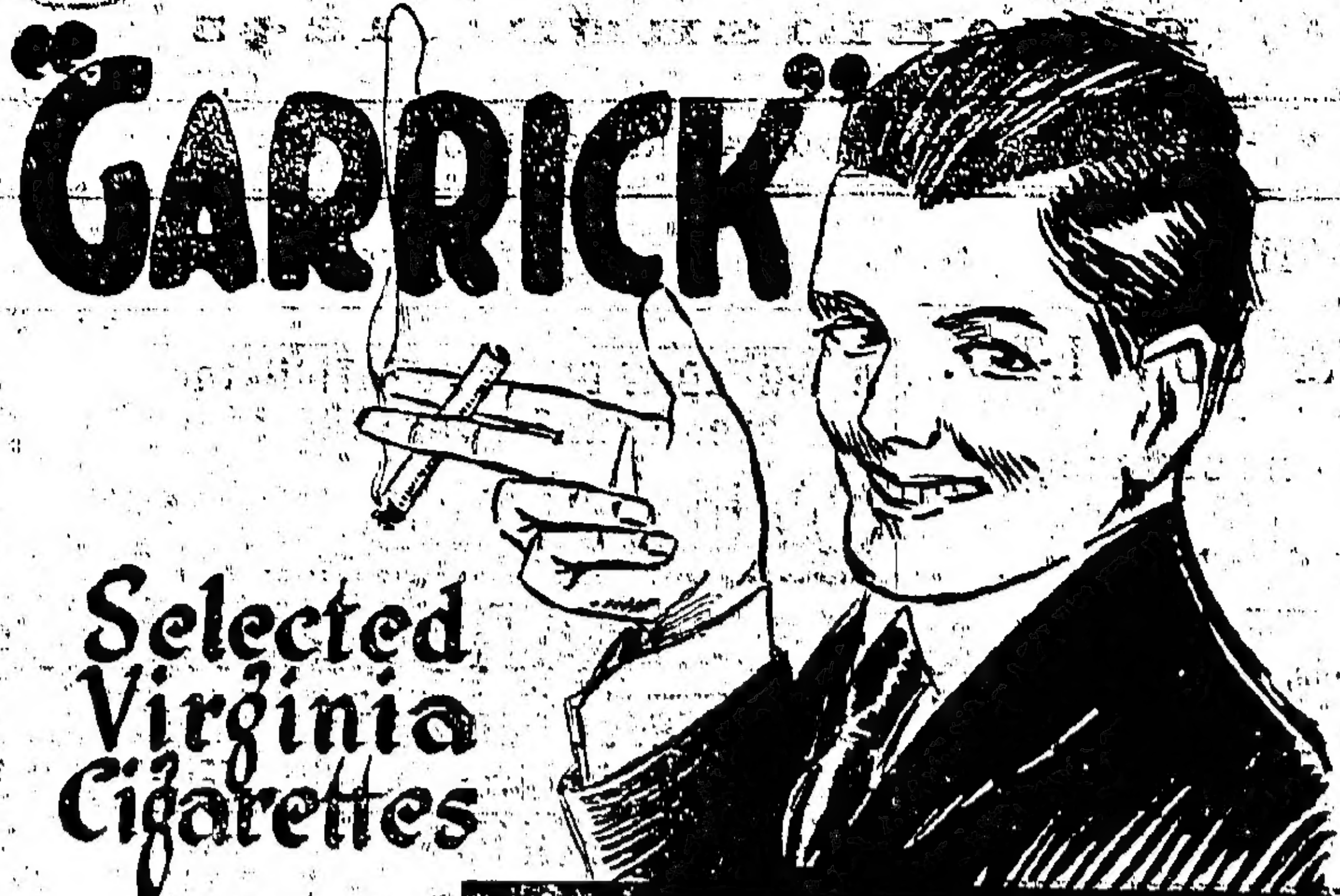
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WRONGED BARON SUES SON OF
BERNSTORFF.
SPY CHARGE AND REFUSED
DUEL.

A sensational libel case opened in the Berlin Court, in May, in which the plaintiff is Baron Walter von Radeck, son of a Prussian General, and the defendant is Count Guenther von Bernstorff, son of the notorious ex-Ambassador at Washington, his American wife, who is the plaintiff's second wife, and is a member of the Berlin society including Prince Albert of Schleswig-Holstein and the brother of the Foreign Secretary, Baron von Kuehlmann.

The defendant is accused of circulating statements such as that the plaintiff, who before the war lived in England, was a spy, that he lived on women, that he had been discharged from the Army, etc.

Plaintiff's counsel said that Countess von Bernstorff's maiden name was Marguerite Vivienne Burton, and that she had been married to New Jersey. Her first husband was named Birch. Baron von Radeck married her in England in 1912. Count Guenther von Bernstorff courted her whilst her husband was in the trenches before Ypres, suggesting to her that her husband was a dangerous man, and that he, Count Guenther von Bernstorff, as the son of an Ambassador, could use all means to make her husband impossible in society.

DUEL DECLINED.
One day von Radeck received in the trenches a letter from his wife, saying that she wished to be free again. He thereupon returned home, and one day in March 1918 saw his wife disappear into Count Guenther von Bernstorff's house in the Grinewald.

As he knocked at the door he heard his wife call to von Bernstorff. "Put your revolver in your pocket." In the dining room Baron von Radeck encountered his wife and von Bernstorff. He called von Bernstorff the greatest scoundrel in the world, told his story of one of his epaulettes, and snatched his revolver from him.

He then communicated the affair to a military Court of Honour, as he expected that von Bernstorff would send him seconds. Instead of this von Bernstorff came to him two days later, with the naive request that he should get a divorce so that von Bernstorff could marry his wife.

von Bernstorff also asked him to settle the Court of Honour affair by calling on

General von Moltke. The latter said he could do nothing, and subsequently Baron von Radeck challenged von Bernstorff, at the same time demanding an inquiry regarding the charge of espionage against him.

DIVORCE SUIT RAILED.
In the meantime the baroness sued for a divorce which was granted in the husband's favour. All von Bernstorff's accusations against von Radeck were refuted on this occasion by witnesses.

The plaintiff then wrote to the Ambassador, Count von Bernstorff, then at Constantinople, asking him to advise his son to give up his (von Radeck's) wife, but he received no answer. The libel complaint was subsequently circulated in Berlin society.

Plaintiff further alleges that Count Guenther von Bernstorff had previously rendered one marriage unhappy by persuading the wife to be unfaithful, and that he abused his father's position to support the charge of espionage against him (the plaintiff). Counsel denied that plaintiff was discharged from the army, but alleged that von Bernstorff was discharged, and named various witnesses.

The Court decided to adjourn the case, in view of various points of a juridical nature, which were still unclear.

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A FALSTAFFIAN RECKONING.

In a memorandum issued recently, the net cost of the Army in 1910-17, the second year of the war, is stated to have been £387,796,567, of which enormous total the sum of 2985 was appropriated to inventors. The disproportion recalls Falstaff's famous reckoning, where one poor half pennyworth of bread figured as an item amongst an imponderable deal of sack. The remark has often been heard that this is an engineers' war, but the above account would convey the impression that the authorities are as reluctant as ever to encourage the application of original thought to the improvement of our material of war. Fortunately, however, engineers and scientific men are less keen on "cheeking" their patriotic efforts than barristers or coal miners, and hence, whilst the account may state truly the amount paid for ideas, it affords no indication as to the actual value of the services rendered by inventors. It would, for example, be difficult to estimate adequately the monetary value of the Stokes mortar, and the services rendered by Professor Jackson in making good the lack of German optical glass must alone have been worth many times the total amount provided for the reward of invention. The authorities have been not a little slack in acknowledging the value of the services rendered by inventors, which have in many cases been rendered gratuitously.

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The China Mail.

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JAPANESE LOANS TO CHINA.

In the current number of the *Far Eastern Review* there is an article on "The Loan Craze in China" in which a full list of the Loans made to China by Japan is set forth. It is a truly formidable list covering a period of nine years—from 1909 to the present year. These loans number 45, total roughly 270 million yen. An analysis of the list shows that from 1909 down to 1916 the loan contracts averaged only about one a year, but for 1916 we have three loan contracts, for 1917 there are sixteen, and down to last month 19 had been announced in the present year. Rumour has mentioned several other loan contracts which do not find a place in the published list, and of several of those that are there it is mentioned that the Japanese Minister at Peking disclaims official knowledge of them. Nearly all these loans, it will be observed, have been negotiated since the Great War broke out, and more particularly since China was plunged into civil war. Indeed, the Minister of Finance, in a message to the Military Governor of Kirin, has made the frank admission that a long series of these loans of which the much-discussed Kirin Forestry Loan is one, have been negotiated for the sole purpose of raising money to carry on the Government and its campaign against the South, and that they were dubbed "industrial loans" to evade the stipulations of the Government's agreement with the Banking Consortium, which provides that if funds are needed for administrative or political purposes the Group Banks shall be approached first. This admission is important in its relation to the recent announcement that the United States Government has agreed to a loan by American bankers to China, "providing China cancels all outstanding loans." There has been no authoritative statement published yet as to whether China will accept a stipulation, nor as to how this stipulation would affect a large number of these Japanese loans, which the admissions of the Minister of Finance show plainly to be in conflict with the agreement entered into by the Chinese Government with the Consortium Banks. Under the recent American declaration all loans are to be shared by American, British, French and Japanese Bankers. Whether that applies to genuine economic loans is not quite clear, but a noteworthy feature of the discussions in the responsible Japanese papers is the strong sentiment in favour of purely economic investments in China, free from political significance. Politics and economics, however, are so closely related that it is difficult to see where the line can be drawn in a country like China.

The *Hero*, 2,050 tons deadweight capacity, built by the New Engineering and Shipbuilding Works at Shanghai for Brunelgard Klosterud of Norway, was launched at the Yangtzepoo yard on the 9th inst.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

A Peking telegram states that the representatives of the Consortium Bank disapprove the proposed regulations governing the issue of gold notes and have telegraphed home for instructions.

Subscriptions to the War Charities of Rs. 20, and \$17.30 (Straits Currency) and \$1 (Hongkong) from the passengers on a.s. *Kan I'sarue* per Miss Betwell have been received by the Hon. Treasurer.

A Manila contemporary says Manila is in need of another hotel. "Accommodations for visitors and transients are as scarce as hen's teeth to-day." The reason for the hotels being full is that people are giving up housekeeping, for various reasons, and moving into the hotels to live.

A notification appears in the *Gazette* that an election by the Justices of the Peace, of a Justice of the Peace to serve on the Legislative Council from the 29th August to the 1st November, 1918, during the absence of the Honourable Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C., will take place at the Magistracy on Wednesday, August 28th. Justices of the Peace who are Government Officials are not entitled to take part in these proceedings.

Arrangements have just been completed for the building of four ships of 11,000 tons each, by the Kiangnan Dockyard, to the order of the U.S. Government. Preliminary work has already started at Kiangnan, says the *Shanghai Mercury*, where very big extensions are in contemplation in the vicinity of the Arsenal. Plans and specifications for the ships left Washington more than a week ago and it is expected that the first ship will be in the water within ten months, and after that a ship every three months.

Suit for Tls. 100,000 damages for libel has been filed in the United States Court for China by Mr. Wen Tsang-yu, former Commissioner of Foreign Affairs at Shanghai and prominent Kuomintang leader, against L. Kaimuk, otherwise known as Lam Yeh-chuan, or Charles Annatoyn, an American citizen. The action is based on three letters written and published by the defendant and referring to Mr. Wen's connections with the project of building a free school from contributions solicited by the Canton Guild.

Mr. A. G. Loehr, United States Vice-Consul at Shanghai, shot and wounded a Chinese who entered his residence at 6, Young Allen Terrace early on the 16th. The wounded man was taken to the St. Luke's Hospital with a bullet in his hip and will be tried on charges of breaking and entering as soon as he is able to be in court. Mr. Loehr was awakened by suspicious noises and found a Chinese who had entered the house through a window. The Chinese jumped out of the window and while he was running away, Mr. Loehr fired into the air. The Chinese refused to stop and the second shot brought him down. The police were notified and the wounded man taken to the hospital. Several previous attempts to enter the residence had been made.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Mr. R. Baker has been appointed to act as Manager of the British Section of the Kowloon-Canton railway during the absence of Mr. W. Winslow.

Mr. George E. Anderson, the American Consul General, has received news of the death of his mother, Mrs. Harriet V. Anderson, which occurred at Exeter, New Hampshire, on the 21st of June, soon after the departure of Mr. Anderson for Hongkong after a brief visit with her. Mrs. Anderson was a little less than 85 years of age and had been in ill-health for several years.

It is announced in the *Gazette* that L. S. Rapley and Lawrence Jack have been enrolled in the General Military Service Force of Hongkong from August 16th, and that L. D. McNicol and E. C. Norris have been permitted to proceed to the United Kingdom for the purpose of enlisting in His Majesty's regular forces. R. D. Wilks is also permitted to proceed to the United Kingdom for the same purpose.

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THE MAGISTRACY.

INACCURATE REPORTING.

AN INDIGNANT SOLICITOR'S MISQUOTATION.

At the Magistracy this morning Mr. F. D. C. Wolf said there was a matter he would like to mention because the Solicitor in the case he was about to deal with was concerned. It related to the question of inaccurate reporting of cases in Court on which there had been certain remarks made and published in the newspapers. First of all, he would like to say that when he mentioned, a few days ago, that he had seen the reporter of the *Daily Press* and had said he was satisfied that the reporter was doing his best to report cases correctly, he certainly did not wish to imply that he considered all the other reporters had not done their best. He had received a complaint from the Manager of the *South China Morning Post*, asking, in fairness to the latter, whether he could not make a few remarks on the subject of the case which he was dealing with at the time—the case of the murder of a man. The Manager of the *South China Morning Post* forwarded a copy of what had appeared in his paper, and complained that Mr. Goldring made certain statements which, it was maintained, were just as inaccurate perhaps, as his own paragraph. Attention was drawn to the words "terrible struggle" "terrible blow" and "uppercut" Mr. Wolf said he must definitely state that the report of the *South China Morning Post* on that occasion was undoubtedly inaccurate, but on the other hand, he must also definitely state that Mr. Goldring did not accurately quote from his report.

Mr. Goldring admitted he had been inaccurate but maintained that substantially he was correct. That was his point.

Mr. Wolfe said the only point he wished to make was that in future he hoped, as a result of all that had been said, the reporters would endeavour to take as accurate reports as they could, and should any member of the Bar or any Solicitor have any reason to complain, he would be glad if in future a copy of the newspaper be produced and the report read, and then commented upon. That would avoid any question arising as to the report being mis-quoted.

Mr. Goldring said that in the ordinary course of events he would have done that but on the particular occasion referred to he cited from memory but he noticed, very much to his surprise, that the original account of the occurrence was so very inaccurate, and he spoke entirely from memory, and in his indignation he naturally protested.

Mr. Wolfe said there was no doubt the report was inaccurate.

Mr. Goldring said it came as such a surprise that he commented without a copy of the paper. He appreciated what His Worship had said as to bringing a copy of the paper.

Mr. Wolfe:—Then you withdraw what you said?

Mr. Goldring said he would not withdraw his comment, but he would withdraw the inaccurate quotation.

Mr. Wolfe said that there was no doubt an inaccuracy and in order to avoid misquotation, the reports in future should be actually read. That would make everything clear.

STEALING ROPE.

A Chinese shrimp catcher was charged, before Mr. E. D. C. Wolf, this morning with the larceny of some rope from a fishing boat.

The accused pleaded to go into the witness box and give evidence. He said the rope was lying on his boat when the plaintiff came on board and accused him of stealing the rope. Plaintiff finally took away the rope and after cutting some off it, threw the remainder back, and then accused defendant of stealing the rope. Accused said he had bought the rope, but he could not say from which shop it was bought. He had it bought from some one. His wife bought the rope.

Defendant's wife said the complainant came on board her husband's boat and accused him of stealing. That was not true. The rope belonged to defendant.

Mr. Wolfe did not believe the defendant's story and fined him, as a first offender, 98 with the alternative of fourteen days imprisonment.

FIRM PAYS £26,000 IN TAXES.

The greatest single-tax payment ever made by one firm in the history of the United States has just been completed, when the United States Steel Corporation paid the final instalment on a tax of £26,000,000, covering the import of Federal Income and Estate Taxes.

THE WING ON CO.

An article on Chinese "Department Stores" in *Milford's Review*, mentions that the Wing On Co. at Hongkong was established with a capital of two million dollars, and last year made a net profit of \$320,000. A dividend of 8 per cent. was paid to shareholders and the balance placed to reserve. It is further mentioned that the premises are a collection of seventeen minor stores for which the Company has to pay an annual rent of more than \$80,000. "The proposal of the Company to buy these stores has not met with favour from these minor store-owners, who would rather rent than sell their properties." Shanghai is shortly to have its Wing On Department Store. The premises have been under construction for the past two and a half years. The new building has cost the Company \$750,000. The land which the building occupies has been leased to the Company for 35 years at an annual rental of \$40,000. Though the Shanghai store and the Hongkong store have many interests in common, they are independent of each other in matters of finance and administration.

NOTABLE SHANGHAI MARRIAGE.

MISS CONSTANCE FRASER TO MR. GARDNER.

An event of considerable interest to Shanghai society was the marriage on Friday, August 9th of Miss Constance Fraser, eldest daughter of Sir Everard Fraser, Consul-General for Great Britain, and Mr. Kenneth H. Gardner, assistant engineer in the Municipal Public Works Department. The wedding took place at the Cathedral shortly after 5 o'clock. Dean Walker officiating, in the presence of the bride's relatives, British and American Consular officials, a few intimate friends of the bride and groom and members of the Deluge Company of the Fire Brigade of which Mr. Gardner is a member. Mr. N. T. Johnson, American Consul-in-Charge, was the representative of the United States Consulate present.

The bride was attended by her sister, Miss Edith Fraser, and Mr. H. F. Merrill was best man. The ceremony was followed by a reception at the British Consulate-General, when the bride's health was proposed by Mr. H. H. Fox, British Commercial Attaché. The young couple intended to leave Shanghai for the United States on the China Mail steamer *Norddeutscher Lloyd*, and will proceed to Cleveland, Ohio, the groom's home, whence Mr. Gardner will report for service in the United States Army. He has already secured a commission as a lieutenant in the Engineers.

Mr. Gardner has been in Shanghai something over two years, coming out directly to take up the position of second assistant engineer for the Public Works Department.

A "SENSATION" IN A CUSTOMS OFFICE.

The *Peking and Tientsin Times* says:—The advertisement inserted elsewhere in this issue in which the Commissioner of Customs acknowledges the receipt of \$1 as "conscience money," is somewhat unique in Far Eastern papers, and it has a certain element of humour which our readers will not miss. Whatever doubts the Customs Authorities may have had in the past as to the existence of anything resembling a conscience in the make-up of those who send articles through the Customs must now be allayed, for here is a person whose conscience is so susceptible that a mere dollar has aroused it. It may be assumed that there was no compromise with the tender conscience, and that the \$1 represented the full amount unpaid. The measure of the sensation caused at the Customs office has not been disclosed, but obviously it must have been considerable. N.B.—The insertion of the advertisement cost the Customs Authorities precisely \$1.20!

WAR PRICES IN PARIS.

WHISKY IS NO A "NIP."

There will have to be more budgeting in England before prices reach the level of those now ruling in France. In view of the price for beer and spirits in England, it is interesting to indicate some of the prices in Paris. Take beer, a bottle in a good cafe on the Boulevard costs 8d. Vermouth, which before the war was 5d. and 6d., now is 1s. 0d. The whisky, gone up 2d., since the luxury tax was imposed. A "nip" of brandy costs 1s. 6d. Where whisky can still be had at 1s. 8d., 2s. 1d. is charged for the "nip." These prices do not include tax, which runs from 1d. to 2d. Bottles of whisky sold at 21 to 21.7s. 6d., and rum, which before the war was 2s. 6d., a bottle is now 1d. Ordinary tobacco is 8d. for 40 grammes, a little over an ounce when and where it can be had. But you may find 9d. shops in a hundred without finding any. "Nothing to smoke," "No French or foreign tobacco or cigarettes," "Cigars only,"—run the notices on most of the tobacco shops doors. It is the truth to say that it is easier to obtain English than French tobacco. But the prices! A four ounce tin of a mixture not by any means the dearest in England costs 8s. 4d. here, and the price of a popular cigarette is 1s. 1d. for 10.

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THE SITUATION IN SIBERIA.

RUSSIAN DESIRES.

The following telegrams are from Northern papers:

HARBIN, Aug. 8.

Local newspapers state that 11,000 Czech-Slovaks are moving westward, making their military base at Harbin, and will shortly attack the Austro-Germans, and that Colonel Semenov will co-operate in a separate command. Colonel Semenov has returned to Harbin and gone on to Sagan.

Latest reports agree that there are 32,000 Austro-Germans on these fronts and that the numbers are increasing daily. The Czech-Slovaks are fading the enemy surprisingly strong near Yvgenivka, which may alter their plans.

Local Russians, who are keenly anxious to retrieve Russian prestige, are somewhat disappointed in what they describe as the partition of Allied and Russian interests conveyed by the Allied policy, believing that they should be identical. They argue that more vigorous measures are required to unite the warring factions and restore order, and fear that the strife will continue until the Allies find a common ground for unity such as the expulsion of the Germans from Russia, which would constitute a rallying flag under which the rival factions may meet and co-operate without loss of dignity and without giving way to individual rivals.

ALLIED TROOPS POPULAR.

VLADIVOSTOK, Aug. 9.

The French Contingent landed to-day and paraded past the Allied Staff. The Czech-Slovaks and the townsfolk gave them a hearty welcome.

The proclamation of the British Authorities has dispelled the fears of the Russians that their intervention meant occupation, and the Allied troops are becoming more popular.

The French troops will leave immediately for the battle front. Four companies of French troops and one of Annamite troops from China and Indo-China have arrived.

NEW U.S. GOVERNMENT SHIP YARD.

FIRST SHIP LAUNCHED.

NEW YORK, Aug. 15.

President Wilson and Mrs. Wilson were witnesses when the first vessel was launched of 180 ships to be produced at a new Government shipyard, the largest shipyard in the world. Mr. Hurley, Chairman of the United States Shipping Board, was a speaker on the occasion, saying in part: "This is the beginning of an epoch in the nation's history. It marks the beginning of a new era of production of ships in all the yards of the United States. It is doubtful whether any nation ever would have undertaken a shipbuilding programme on such a large scale if Germany had not plunged the world into war. We are in it and are going through with it. We are producing more tonnage to-day than the submarines sink, and from this time forward our task will be to replace the tonnage that has been lost."

The vast scope of the programme is due to the vision of President Wilson. We are going through with the shipbuilding programme to the finish and we are going through with the war to the finish. Even then the shipbuilding programme in America must go on. It will take five years to complete the programme and place in service a fleet that will make an enduring peace, bringing the nations closer to one another as the Eastern, Western, Northern and Southern States were brought closer by a nationwide system of railroads. The end of the war will find America master of the process of quantity production of ships. We will build ships for ourselves and for the world.

"Through the efforts of the shipyard workers a large army is now in France and through their continuing work an army that is steadily growing eventually will overwhelm the carefully constructed military machine with which Germany sought to dominate the world."

The total output of the Kailan Mining Administration's mines for the week ending August 3rd amounted to 60,718 tons and the sales during the period, to 46,325 tons.

A writer in a Shanghai paper mentions that Mr. Yohi Sabatone, since 1902 when he started his career on the local turf, has ridden in 978 flat races and 91 Steeplechases, of which he has won 384, been second 172 times and third 166 times. "427 times his pony wasn't fast enough, and I dare say that some of the others weren't fast enough either, but that he helped them on a bit."

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ADMIRAL SIR F. C. TUDOR TUDOR.

Part II. of "Admiral of the British Navy," has the portrait of the Commander-in-Chief of the China Station. The text, not quite up to date, regards Admiral's honours, reads:—

Rear Admiral Frederick Charles Tudor, O.B., is especially well-known for his thorough knowledge of the limitations and capabilities of ordnance as applied to the strategical and tactical problems of modern warfare. In this particular line indeed he is an expert of undisputed authority, and his knowledge, besides being fortified by practical experience of an unusually brilliant kind, is based upon a profound study of the science of gunnery, in which it should be added, Rear Admiral Tudor specialized during the early part of his career.

Navigation was originally the particular branch of naval knowledge to which the Admiralty directed him to devote himself, but early realising the immense part which heavy artillery was to play in modern warfare, Admiral Tudor, as a young man, eventually devoted his entire attention to the study of guns and gunnery. At no time in the history of armaments has such an rapidity of change and of obsolescence of guns of all calibre been known as at the present time. Officers like Rear Admiral Tudor, who are experts in such matters, are absolutely invaluable to the British Navy.

From the very beginning of his career Rear Admiral Tudor was recognized as an Officer possessing intelligence of a very high order. From 1882 for two years he acted as Experimental Officer, and for a further two years as a Senior Staff Officer of H.M. *Excellence*, passing to the Department of the Director of Naval Ordnance at the Admiralty in January, 1886, where he remained until May, 1898. In 1898, he became a Captain, and from September, 1900, to May, 1909 he was Assistant Director of Naval Ordnance.

As Captain of the *Excellence*, to which ship he was appointed in August, 1900, Rear Admiral Tudor did much to promote that proficiency in gunnery which is so vitally essential to the success of all modern naval operations. He held the post for nearly two years, and during that period impressed everyone who came in contact with him with the firm idea that he was the right man in the right place.

From April 15th, 1911, to January 15th, 1912, he was Aide-de-Camp to the King, on which latter date he was promoted to Rear Admiral.

On June 15th, 1912, Rear Admiral Tudor was appointed Director of Naval Ordnance, and on King George's Birthday in 1913 he received the C.B.

He was Third Sea Lord on the Board of Admiralty from August 11th, 1914, to May 15th, 1917, being mainly responsible for new construction during this period of immense expansion of the Fleet under war conditions.

HOW OLD IS THE OCEAN?

AN ESTIMATE OF NINETY MILLION YEARS.

How old is the ocean? Standing on the slope and looking out over the expanse of water, the ocean seems a fixed and eternal fact, but the seas, had a beginning and will have an end. Scientists say that when this time comes, the last drop of water will have been absorbed into the earth's crust; its surface will be a desert, and all life will become extinct. The age of the oceans has been estimated by a leading authority, Professor Frank Clarke, of the United States Geological Survey, at about 90,000,000 years. This, of course, is only an approximation, but is based on carefully studied scientific data. All the water that was once contained in the vapour that surrounded the glowing, slowly cooling mass which is now earth. After the gases combined to form water, the process of making the oceans, seas, and bays. This was the work of the rivers. Mineral salts were extracted from the rocks over which they flowed and deposited in the sea. Each year the action of the streams is said to make the oceans slightly more salty, and this is the basis on which its age is calculated. The amount of salt carried by the rivers of the world is computed by the scientists and compared with the total quantity in the ocean. After evaporation and the velocity of currents have been considered, it is possible, to calculate how long it has taken to make sea water as salty as it is to-day. About 3 1/2 per cent. of mineral salts and 96 1/2 per cent. fresh water make up the oceans. Three-fourths of the solid matter is common table salt, chloride of sodium, other ingredients being chloride, sulphate and bromide of magnesium, sulphate of potash, besides traces of various other minerals and metals, including gold and silver.

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BOOK BUILT INTO THE TEMPLE.

German critics of the Bible, said Chancellor Liss, at the Vienna Institute recently, claimed that the Book of Deuteronomy was a forgery written by a man who placed it in the Temple with the intention that it should be mistaken for an "inspired book." The speaker for an "inspired book" of Deuteronomy was built into the walls of the Temple, and that this was the evidence found underneath.

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HONGKONG DEFENCE CORPS.

Administrative Orders by Major H. A. Morgan, Administrative Commandant.

STRENGTH.

No. 192 Sapper A. H. West was enrolled on 8.8.18 and posted to Engineer Coy. No. 308. Sapper A. J. Coltho, Engineer Coy., is permitted to resign on leaving the Colony, to date from day of departure.

TRANSFERS.

No. 450 Pte. H. J. Nairn, "A" Coy., attached Engineer Company, is transferred to the Mounted Section, dated 13.8.18.

LEAVE.

2nd Lieutenant W. Brown, Eng. Coy., and Pte. J. Sturges, "B" Coy., are granted one month's leave each, to date from day of departure.

No. 244 Sapper G. S. Rodger, Eng. Coy., is granted leave for the duration of the war, from 13.8.18.

Corpl. A. A. Dalton, M. Gun Coy., is granted 1 month's extension of leave, from 10.8.18.

Pte. C. L. Stapleton, M. Gun Coy., is granted 6 weeks' leave, on Medical grounds, from 20.8.18.

Corpl. A. H. Compton, Art. Coy., is granted 1 month's extension of leave, from 10.8.18.

Corpl. A. W. P. Spiers, Art. Coy., is granted 3 months' extension of leave, from 20.8.18.

CIVIL.

All ranks will attend their rifles to Headquarters for inspection by the Armorer before commencing the Annual Musketry Course.

Orders by Artillery Company by Capt. J. H. W. Armstrong, T.D.

PARADES AT BELLEVUE BATTERY.

TUESDAY, 20th instant: 7.30 a.m. Right Half Coy. New Layers Class only.

3.30 p.m. Left Half Coy. Full drill. THURSDAY, 22nd instant: 7.30 a.m. Left Half Coy. New D.R.F. Class only.

FRIDAY, 23rd instant: 7.30 a.m. Left Half Coy. Full drill. 3.30 p.m. Left Half Coy. New Layers Class only.

Orders for Engineer Company by Captain H. Russell.

18th to 23rd instant: E. L. Monaghan, night. Parades as per routes posted at Headquarters. Engine Drivers at 6.30 p.m.: Electricians at 8.45 p.m.

OFFICERS MEET FOR DUTY.

Peblers, and Lieut. Marley, Lieutenants, Lieut. Templeton, Stonecutters, Lieut. Stevenson.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR ENGINE DRIVERS AND E.C.O. AND MEN OF THE DEPARTMENT ATTACHED FOR DUTY.

Class 1, at Bellevue at 8.30 p.m. on Mondays and Thursdays, for all who have not passed the "Product" rate (1st) examination.

Class 2, at Bellevue at 8.30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Fridays, for all N.C.O.'s and men of higher ratings, under Staff Sergeants, Overland and Parsons, R.E. and Sergeant Day, H.K.D.C.

Class 3, at Lyceum at 8.30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Fridays, under Staff Sergeants, Overland and Parsons, R.E. and Sergeant Day, H.K.D.C.

Detail of duties at Lyceum from 17th to 31st August inclusive is posted at Headquarters for information of all concerned.

Orders for Infantry Battalion by Major H. A. Morgan.

MONDAY, 19th instant: 4.30 p.m. No. 2 Platoon at King's Park Range. Annual Musketry Course, Part 2, Practice 1 and 2. The following will attend:—Ptes. Abney, Bridger, Earle and Newell.

5.15 p.m. Practice 3 and 4. The following will attend:—Corpl. Mackenzie, J. Corpl. Hancock, Ptes. Abney, Falconer, Hayward, Hoie, MacKinnon, B. M. Webb, J. R. Wood, Lawson, Ferguson, Donnelly, Earle, Franklin, Griffin, Nevill, Strattan, Young and Carpenter. Dress, drill order with pouches.

TUESDAY, 20th instant: 6.15 p.m. No. 2 Platoon at King's Park Range. Annual Musketry Course, Part 2, Practice 5, 6, 7 and 8. The following will attend:—Sergeant Humphreys, Corpl. Edgcombe, L. Corpl. Perry and Brown, Ptes. Dyer, Ball, Stubbs, Sutherland, Williamson, A. R. Wood, Chapman, Digby, Kent, Lancaster, Wells, Wilson and H. M. Webb. Dress, drill order with pouches.

WEDNESDAY, 21st instant: 6.15 p.m. No. 1 Platoon at King's Park Range. Annual Musketry Course, Part 2, Practice 9, 10 and 11. The following will attend:—Sergeant Humphreys, Corpl. Edgcombe, L. Corpl. Perry and Brown, Ptes. Dyer, Ball, Stubbs, Sutherland, Williamson, A. R. Wood, Chapman, Digby, Kent, Lancaster, Wells, Wilson and H. M. Webb. Dress, drill order with pouches.

THURSDAY, 22nd instant: 6.15 p.m. No. 3 Platoon at King's Park Range. Annual Musketry Course, Part 2, Practice 12, 13 and 14. The following will attend:—Sergeant Humphreys, Corpl. Edgcombe, L. Corpl. Perry and Brown, Ptes. Dyer, Ball, Stubbs, Sutherland, Williamson, A. R. Wood, Chapman, Digby, Kent, Lancaster, Wells, Wilson and H. M. Webb. Dress, drill order with pouches.

FRIDAY, 23rd instant: 6.15 p.m. No. 1 Platoon at King's Park Range. Annual Musketry Course, Part 2, Practice 15, 16 and 17. The following will attend:—Sergeant Humphreys, Corpl. Edgcombe, L. Corpl. Perry and Brown, Ptes. Dyer, Ball, Stubbs, Sutherland, Williamson, A. R. Wood, Chapman, Digby, Kent, Lancaster, Wells, Wilson and H. M. Webb. Dress, drill order with pouches.

TUESDAY, 20th instant.

6.15 p.m. No. 2 Platoon at King's Park Range. Annual Musketry Course, Part 2, Practice 18, 19 and 20. The following will attend:—Sergeant Humphreys, Corpl. Edgcombe, L. Corpl. Perry and Brown, Ptes. Dyer, Ball, Stubbs, Sutherland, Williamson, A. R. Wood, Chapman, Digby, Kent, Lancaster, Wells, Wilson and H. M. Webb. Dress, drill order with pouches.

THURSDAY, 22nd instant.

6.15 p.m. No. 3 Platoon at King's Park Range. Annual Musketry Course, Part 2, Practice 21, 22 and 23. The following will attend:—Sergeant Humphreys, Corpl. Edgcombe, L. Corpl. Perry and Brown, Ptes. Dyer, Ball, Stubbs, Sutherland, Williamson, A. R. Wood, Chapman, Digby, Kent, Lancaster, Wells, Wilson and H. M. Webb. Dress, drill order with pouches.

FRIDAY, 23rd instant.

6.15 p.m. No. 1 Platoon at King's Park Range. Annual Musketry Course, Part 2, Practice 24, 25 and 26. The following will attend:—Sergeant Humphreys, Corpl. Edgcombe, L. Corpl. Perry and Brown, Ptes. Dyer, Ball, Stubbs, Sutherland, Williamson, A. R. Wood, Chapman, Digby, Kent, Lancaster, Wells, Wilson and H. M. Webb. Dress, drill order with pouches.

TUESDAY, 20th instant.

6.15 p.m. No. 2 Platoon at King's Park Range. Annual Musketry Course, Part 2, Practice 27, 28 and 29. The following will attend:—Sergeant Humphreys, Corpl. Edgcombe, L. Corpl. Perry and Brown, Ptes. Dyer, Ball, Stubbs, Sutherland, Williamson, A. R. Wood, Chapman, Digby, Kent, Lancaster, Wells, Wilson and H. M. Webb. Dress, drill order with pouches.

THURSDAY, 22nd instant.

6.15 p.m. No. 3 Platoon at King's Park Range. Annual Musketry Course, Part 2, Practice 30, 31 and 32. The following will attend:—Sergeant Humphreys, Corpl. Edgcombe, L. Corpl. Perry and Brown, Ptes. Dyer, Ball, Stubbs, Sutherland, Williamson, A. R. Wood, Chapman, Digby, Kent, Lancaster, Wells, Wilson and H. M. Webb. Dress, drill order with pouches.

FRIDAY, 23rd instant.

6.15 p.m. No. 1 Platoon at King's Park Range. Annual Musketry Course, Part 2, Practice 33, 34 and 35. The following will attend:—Sergeant Humphreys, Corpl. Edgcombe, L. Corpl. Perry and Brown, Ptes. Dyer, Ball, Stubbs, Sutherland, Williamson, A. R. Wood, Chapman, Digby, Kent, Lancaster, Wells, Wilson and H. M. Webb. Dress, drill order with pouches.

TUESDAY, 20th instant.

6.15 p.m. No. 2 Platoon at King's Park Range. Annual Musketry Course, Part 2, Practice 36, 37 and 38. The following will attend:—Sergeant Humphreys, Corpl. Edgcombe, L. Corpl. Perry and Brown, Ptes. Dyer, Ball, Stubbs, Sutherland, Williamson, A. R. Wood, Chapman, Digby, Kent, Lancaster, Wells, Wilson and H. M. Webb. Dress, drill order with pouches.

THURSDAY, 22nd instant.

6.15 p.m. No. 3 Platoon at King's Park Range. Annual Musketry Course, Part 2, Practice 39, 40 and 41. The following will attend:—Sergeant Humphreys, Corpl. Edgcombe, L. Corpl. Perry and Brown, Ptes. Dyer, Ball, Stubbs, Sutherland, Williamson, A. R. Wood, Chapman, Digby, Kent, Lancaster, Wells, Wilson and H. M. Webb. Dress, drill order with pouches.

FRIDAY, 23rd instant.

6.15 p.m. No. 1 Platoon at King's Park Range. Annual Musketry Course, Part 2, Practice 42, 43 and 44. The following will attend:—Sergeant Humphreys, Corpl. Edgcombe, L. Corpl. Perry and Brown, Ptes. Dyer, Ball, Stubbs, Sutherland, Williamson, A. R. Wood, Chapman, Digby, Kent, Lancaster, Wells, Wilson and H. M. Webb. Dress, drill order with pouches.

TUESDAY, 20th instant.

6.15 p.m. No. 2 Platoon at King's Park Range. Annual Musketry Course, Part 2, Practice 45, 46 and 47. The following will attend:—Sergeant Humphreys, Corpl. Edgcombe, L. Corpl. Perry and Brown, Ptes. Dyer, Ball, Stubbs, Sutherland, Williamson, A. R. Wood, Chapman, Digby, Kent, Lancaster, Wells, Wilson and H. M. Webb. Dress, drill order with pouches.

THURSDAY, 22nd instant.

6.15 p.m. No. 3 Platoon at King's Park Range. Annual Musketry Course, Part 2, Practice 48, 49 and 50. The following will attend:—Sergeant Humphreys, Corpl. Edgcombe, L. Corpl. Perry and Brown, Ptes. Dyer, Ball, Stubbs, Sutherland, Williamson, A. R. Wood, Chapman, Digby, Kent, Lancaster, Wells, Wilson and H. M. Webb. Dress, drill order with pouches.

FRIDAY, 23rd instant.

6.15 p.m. No. 1 Platoon at King's Park Range. Annual Musketry Course, Part 2, Practice 51, 52 and 53. The following will attend:—Sergeant Humphreys, Corpl. Edgcombe, L. Corpl. Perry and Brown, Ptes. Dyer, Ball, Stubbs, Sutherland, Williamson, A. R. Wood, Chapman, Digby, Kent, Lancaster, Wells, Wilson and H. M. Webb. Dress, drill order with pouches.

TUESDAY, 20th instant.

6.15 p.m. No. 2 Platoon at King's Park Range. Annual Musketry Course, Part 2, Practice 54, 55 and 56. The following will attend:—Sergeant Humphreys, Corpl. Edgcombe, L. Corpl. Perry and Brown, Ptes. Dyer, Ball, Stubbs, Sutherland, Williamson, A. R. Wood, Chapman, Digby, Kent, Lancaster, Wells, Wilson and H. M. Webb. Dress, drill order with pouches.

THURSDAY, 22nd instant.

6.15 p.m. No. 3 Platoon at King's Park Range. Annual Musketry Course, Part 2, Practice 57, 58 and 59. The following will attend:—Sergeant Humphreys, Corpl. Edgcombe, L. Corpl. Perry and Brown, Ptes. Dyer, Ball, Stubbs, Sutherland, Williamson, A. R. Wood, Chapman, Digby, Kent, Lancaster, Wells, Wilson and H. M. Webb. Dress, drill order with pouches.

FRIDAY, 23rd instant.

6.15 p.m. No. 1 Platoon at King's Park Range. Annual Musketry Course, Part 2, Practice 60, 61 and 62. The following will attend:—Sergeant Humphreys, Corpl. Edgcombe, L. Corpl. Perry and Brown, Ptes. Dyer, Ball, Stubbs, Sutherland, Williamson, A. R. Wood, Chapman, Digby, Kent, Lancaster, Wells, Wilson and H. M. Webb. Dress, drill order with pouches.

MACHINE GUN COMPANY.

MONDAY, 19th instant: 4.30 p.m. Nos. 1 and 2 Guns at Kennedy Road Range. T.E.T. Outgoing: Dress, drill order without rifles.

TUESDAY, 20th instant: 4.30 p.m. No. 3 Gun—above. WEDNESDAY, 21st instant: 4.30 p.m. Nos. 4 and 5 Guns—above. MOUNTED SECTION.

MONDAY, 19th instant: 5.30 p.m. At Jockey Club Stables. Dress, drill order without rifles.

TUESDAY, 20th instant: 5.30 p.m. At Jockey Club Stables. Dress, drill order without rifles.

TUESDAY, 20th instant: 5.15 p.m. Parade at Headquarters. T.E.T. Dress, drill order (rifle, belt, side-arm and pouches).

There will be a voluntary lamp reading class at 7 p.m. every Friday until further notice. "Marti" may be worn.

MONDAY, 19th and FRIDAY, 23rd instant: 5.30 p.m. Recruits of all units except "A" Company, on "Marty" Parade Ground, under Sergeant Edmonds (Monday) and Oxbury (Friday). Dress, drill order.

Orders for Cadet Company by 2nd Lieut. J. E. W. Beard.

STRENGTH.

Sergeant L. Jack joined H. M. Regular Forces.

PARADES.

SATURDAY, 24th instant: 1.30 p.m. Nos. 3 and 4 Sections fall in at Headquarters to proceed to Sai Wan, North.

Annual Swimming Competition. This will be held at the V.R.C. Bath on Saturday, the 31st August commencing at 2.30 p.m. Members wishing to compete will hand in their names to their Section Commanders before Wednesday, 22nd instant, who will give them all particulars.

G. E. STEWART, Captain, Adjutant, H.K. Defence Corps, Hongkong, 16th Aug. 1918.

CHURCH SERVICES.

ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL.

10th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY, AUG. 18TH. Holy Communion (7.50 a.m.) Matins (11 a.m.) Responses: Ferial: Venite, Tuckey, Psalms, Barnby, Te Deum, Lawes, Cooke and Hopkins Jubilate, Hayes, Evans, 4, 22, 200. God Save the King.

Holy Communion (12 noon). Responses: Ferial, Psalms, Stainer and Troutbeck; Magnificat, Wesley (1st morning); Nunc, Dumitris, Jones (2nd morning); Hymns, 270, 255, 24.

St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon. 12th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY, AUG. 18TH. Holy Communion after Morning Service. Responses: Ferial: Venite, Tuckey, Psalms, 90 and 91, asset; Te Deum, Woodward, Smart and Turle; Jubilate, Bridge 438, W. A. Kyrie, Thorne; Hymns, 216, 315, 269, 318. God Save the King.

Evening Prayer at 6 p.m. Responses: Ferial: Psalms, 93, Stainer, 94, smart; Magnificat, Beethoven, 27th Morning; Nunc, Dumitris, Barnby, 21st Morning; Hymns, 149, 503, 281, 247. God Save the King.

Union Church, Kennedy Road. Sunday, August 18th. Morning Service at 11 a.m. Hymns, 202, 502, 232, 264. Psalms, 46. Evening Service at 8 p.m. Hymns, 33, 297, 289, 95, 375. Preacher: Rev. A. C. Gimblett, M.A.

St. Peter's Church, West Point. Sunday—Aug. 18th. 8 a.m.—Holy Communion. 10 a.m.—Morning Prayer and Sermon. Preacher: Major Walmley.

Peak Church. SUNDAY SERVICES, Aug. 18th. 8.15 a.m.—Holy Communion. 6.30 p.m.—Evening Service and Sermon.

The Gospel Hall. 10 & 12 PARKER STREET. Weekly Service—Sunday: Breaking of Bread for Believers only, 11 a.m. Gospel Meeting 8 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, Bible study, 8 p.m. Friday, Ladies' Bible study, 5.30 p.m. Saturday, Prayer Meeting, 8 p.m.

First Church of Christ Scientist, MacDonnell Road. Sundays, 11 a.m. Wednesday, 5.30 p.m.

Wesleyan Methodist Church, Wanchoi. Morning Service, 10.15 a.m. Evening Service, 8.15 p.m.

Soldiers' and Sailors' Home, Arival Street. Sunday Evening, Gospel Meeting, 8 p.m.

St. Joseph's Church, Garden Road. Mass and Sermon at 10 a.m. followed by the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Roman Catholic Cathedral, Glebe. Mass at 6.7 and 9.30 a.m. High Mass at 11 a.m. 5.30 a.m. Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

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WEATHER REPORT.

August 17, 12.3. 0.3m.—No returns from Japan and Vladivostok. Pressure has increased slightly, moderately at all stations reporting. It is relatively low over Amoy and to the east of the Philippines. The anticyclone to the south of Japan has probably increased in intensity.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.01 inch. Total since January 1st, 74.17 inches, against an average of 60.10 inches.

Forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon on the 18th August:— 1.—Hongkong to Gap Rock: E. and S.E. winds, moderate to fair.

2.—Formosa Channel: The same as No. 1.

3.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Lamouks: The same as No. 1.

4.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Haiman: The same as No. 1.

OFFICIAL NIGHTS IN AUGUST.

The following Table shows the Standard Time at which official night ends and begins during the month of August:—

Date.	Ends.	Begins.
Aug. 17th, 5.50 a.m.	7.04 p.m.	
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30th, 5.54 "	6.53 "	
31st, 5.54 "	6.53 "	

To-day's Advertisements

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM CALCUTTA & SINGAPORE. THE Steamship "VAN WAERWICKE," having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are notified that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

Goods not cleared by 23rd August, will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged packages, are to be left, in the Godowns, where they will be examined by Messrs. Goddard and Douglas on 22nd August, at 10 a.m.

Claims against the Steamer must be presented in writing within 10 days after arrival of Steamer, otherwise they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by the undersigned in any case whatsoever. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by DAVID SASSOON & Co., Ltd.

Hongkong, Aug. 17, 1918.

TOYO KISEN KAISHA. FROM SAN FRANCISCO VIA HONOLULU, JAPAN PORTS AND SHANGHAI.

THE Steamship "SIBERIA MARU," The above named Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby notified to send in their Bills of Lading, for counter-signatures, and to take immediate delivery from alongside.

Cargo remaining undelivered on 21st August, 1918, at 5 p.m. will be loaded at Consignees' risk and expense, and delivery must then be taken from the Company's Godown.

Storage charges will be assessed on all Cargo remaining undelivered on 24th August, 1918, at 5 p.m.

No claim will be recognized after the Goods have left the Steamer or Godown. All chafed and damaged Cargo will be loaded into the Company's Godowns, where they will be examined on 27th August, 1918, at 10 a.m.

No claim will be recognized if filed after the 28th September, 1918.

T. DAIGO, Manager. Hongkong, Aug. 17, 1918.

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